

Agricultural Production and Employment Generation Through Irrigation Schemes

4204. SHRI JITENDRA PRASADA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the targets fixed for agricultural production and employment generation through the irrigation schemes of hill and plain areas, separately, for the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : As envisaged in the Seventh Five Year Plan Document, of the total foodgrain production target of about 180 million tonnes by the terminal year of the Seventh Plan, the target for foodgrain production from irrigated area has been fixed at 108 million tonnes ; the balance of about 72 million tonnes is expected to come from unirrigated areas. In drawing up year-wise operational targets in respect of identified areas, the States are generally guided by the local conditions. Although year-wise targets for schemes or identified areas are not fixed, according to the projections of the planning Commission, agriculture sector as a whole including development of irrigated farming and optimum utilisation of the irrigation potential is expected to generate 17.984 million standard person year by the end of the Seventh Plan.

Artificial Breeding of Fish

4205. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new method of artificial fish breeding has been desired ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the categories of fish that can be bred ; and

(c) the places where this new method is proposed to be experimented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c). Recently, Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology at Pantnagar, Uttar Pradesh, conducted a successful experiment to artificially breed some of the commercially important Indian major carps viz. Catla, Rohu and Mrigal. The breeding of these fish was achieved in a small cemented tank wherein riverine conditions were simulated with a controlled flow of water through a series of showers. Under the experiment, the conventional hypophysation was not necessary. Such a breeding tank was further used for rearing fish fry and fingerlings.

Fishing Harbour at Paradeep Port

4206. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal for establishment of a fishing harbour at Paradeep Port in Orissa is pending with Union Government for the last couple of years ;

(b) whether any estimate has been prepared ; if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the time by which the project would be sanctioned and the execution started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) There is a proposal for development of a fishing harbour at Paradeep for both deep sea and mechanised fishing vessels. However, a final project report suitable from technical and economic angles has not been received by the Government so far.

(b) Model studies for determining the layout of fishing harbour are in progress at Central Water and Power Research Station, Pune. Simultaneously, Paradeep Port Trust are taking steps to prepare a final project report and estimate.

(c) The time required for sanctioned and starting of the execution can be assessed only after the receipt of the final project report by the Government of India.

Imported of HR Coils and Steel Products

4207. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of HR coils and other steel products likely to be imported;

(b) whether such materials imported from time to time are attracting premium rates in the open market;

(c) if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken to reduce imports ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) The Import Plan for 1986-87 provides for Import of One million tonnes of finished steel and 0.54 million tonnes of semis in carbon steel grade. The finished steel includes HR Coils/Skelp/Sheet/Strips for which there is a provision of 0.15 million tonnes.

(b) and (c). No information on open Market prices of imported steel as such is available. There is no provision for import of steel for open market sale.

(d) Reduction in import of steel is sought to be achieved by improving indigenous production.

Duration of Programmes Telecast by Doordarshan

4208. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the duration of the programmes telecast from various centres;

(b) the time out of it given to programmes in English, Hindi and other languages ;

(c) the time given to cinema programmes and to music; and

(d) the time given to educative programmes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) :

(a) All major Doordarshan Kendras, where full-fledged production facilities exist, originate programmes mainly in their respective regional languages for 2½ to 3 hrs. daily except Sundays when the regional telecast is limited to 25 mts. to one hour. All Doordarshan Kendras also relay National Programme from 8.40 PM to 11.15 PM daily except Doordarshan Kendra, Madras which joins National Programme at 9 PM. There are two hours of UGC transmission daily except on Sundays.

(b) Regional Kendras other than in Hindi region telecast 80 per cent of their programmes in their respective regional languages; 10 per cent in English and 10 per cent in other languages including Hindi.

Kendras in Hindi region telecast 70 per cent of their programmes in Hindi, 10 per cent in English and 20 per cent in other languages.

The programmes put out by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi and relayed by all the satellite-linked TV transmitters in the country constitute 70 per cent in Hindi, 20 per cent in English and 10 per cent in other languages.

In the National Programme of Doordarshan, the language content of Hindi is 40 per cent, English 45 per cent and other languages 15 per cent.

(c) Twenty five per cent of the total transmission time including National Programmes of Doordarshan is given to programmes on cinema, music and dance.

(d) The time given to Educational TV programmes telecast over Doordarshan is given as under :—